that gave me freedom to inherit irrespective of my religion and the law in force till the 1944 T. L. R. ruling. This bill does not grant the freedom of inheritance which Christian converts were enjoying for the past so many years. There is no reason why this Bill should set at naught the decisions of our honourable High Court.

I had sent up an interpellation on the subject of removal of caste disabilities. Though it is in the admitted list of questions, I am sorry it has not been answered. I submit that the fitting reply to this Bill is a resolution of this Assembly on the floor of this House requesting the Government to introduce the Caste Disabilities Removal Act (Act XXI of 1850) of British India. That will be a fitting answer in consonance with the agelong tolerant policy of the royal family which had granted freedom of religion and expression to all and sundry, in consonance with advance in education and culture which this State is proud of and in consonance with justice and freedom. But if on the other hand, a Bill of this sort is going to be thrust upon us, we would be guilty of divide and rule, splitting the community into different sections. We would be laughed at by all progressive elements. We would be objects of ridicule in the eyes of all civilized people. So, I request honourable members not to allow this Bill to go through. Vote it down at this stage and thus refuse leave to introduce it. The motion to introduce the Bill was put to vote and lost.

MOTION RE: FOOD SITUATION.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Sir, I move that the food situation in the country be considered. In view of the statement made by the Dewan President the other day I do not wish to make a speech on the subject. I merely move it for the consideration of the House.

PRESIDENT: I shall see that this subject gets a first place in the agenda when the House assembles next time.

The House will now adjourn *sine die*.

The House adjourned at 6-10 P. M.

S. VAIDYANATHA AIYER,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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